

PING-PONG TOURNAMENT STIRS SCHOOL RIVALRY.

Brooklyn Institutions Keenly Interested in Getting Blue Ribbon of Borough—F. B. Jones and His Twist Serve Are Dangerous

It is an embryo of riches with which the managers of the men's open ping-pong tournament for the championship of Brooklyn have to contend.

There are too many candidates for the big silver cup and the blue ribbon.

Most of the surplus champions appeared, however, after the lists were closed, so they have no claim on the tournament.

But seventy-two men who want to bear the championship racket got in on the lists.

The management of the department store that is running the tournament put no restrictions on the number of entries. It is a strictly open affair. But still the management was not exactly longing for more than sixty-four players.

Sixty-four contestants would melt into thirty-two in the preliminary round; thirty-two would become sixteen after a first round; sixteen would shrink to eight after a second round; eight would be cut down to four by a third round; four would melt to two in a semi-final; two players in a final would leave only one to take the ribbon. It would all come out smooth.

But with seventy-two on his hands Referee P. P. Bradford has eight extra troubles. So he has to hold eight bye matches at the start to eliminate eight players and get down to a practicable number. These byes will be the Saturday feature.

Schools Are Interested.
The tournament is to be in part an interscholastic affair. It is not officially that, but the young men of the Brooklyn schools have seized upon it as an opportunity to determine their respective standings in the ping-pong world. The Polytechnic young fellows think they have among them the best players in Brooklyn. They have made the boast often.

But the students at Adelphi College maintain that they will trail the Polytechnic colors in the ping-pong suit. And at the Hefsey School it is asserted that there is one redoubtable champion who will make the Adelphi look and in the Boys' High School it is quietly remarked that it will be heard from. Others will be nowhere, add these young men.

And then there are three or four other schools that are expectant.
The school that wins the silver cup will exhibit it proudly. And ambition to get it leads to many busy hours over ping-pong tables in the school-houses late afternoons.

Other Good Entries.
The schools are not alone in the contest. The Cathedral Club looks for some honors from the tournament. The Crescent Athletic and the Lincoln Clubs will be represented in the battle. Then, in addition, three semi-professional skaters from the Clermont Avenue Rink have started after the cup with a semi-professional singleness of purpose that promises lively playing.

Among the other promising contestants for this tournament are three young men from a business neighborhood who form a sort of ping-pong club of their own. They are C. W. Tucker, G. L. Deverall and R. W. Sexton. They have already distinguished themselves in practice play.

Mortimer Slater, who is entered from the Caledonian Club, is considered one of the strongest players in New York, and his friends claim that he is the most dangerous of the contestants for the championship trophy.

Strong claims are advanced for F. V. Walters, of Hollet, L. I., who has overcome some of his opponents in practice play. L. H. Tooker and Howard Hemmett are two others who are mentioned as likely candidates for the blue ribbon.

Jones Bothers Them.
F. B. Jones is one of the contestants at whom the others are looking askance. This young man has an in-and-out serve that puzzles some of the best men. He has made Horace Brown, his former opponent in play in Manhattan and is after it Towles Bryan's scalp.

A good serve is half of a game of ping-pong, and Jones has a swifter, a double back-swing curve ball that comes at the other player one way and then, simply by changing its mind ap-



F. B. JONES AND HIS SERVE. Illustration of Twist Ball that Brooklyn Players Fear in Tournament.

LET OTHERS KNOW.

Ping-pong players are requested to send to the Ping-Pong Editor, Evening World, accounts of tournaments, announcements of coming contests, special matches, unusual scores and other matters of interest.

Crescent's Tourney First.

The Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, began last night the first handicap ping-pong tournament ever held in this country. There were twenty-eight entries, and they were divided into four classes, which were one another's advantage of half-fifteen, fifteen or half-thirty. The preliminary and the first and second rounds were played, leaving Charles Adams, W. K. Fowler, W. Hazard, F. C. Gardner and S. K. Probasco for the semi-finals. The first round of the semi-finals was played, leaving Adams, Hammer, 6-0, 6-1; Fowler, Gray, 6-2, 6-1; Hazard, 6-0, 6-1; Gardner, 6-0, 6-1; Probasco, 6-0, 6-1. The second round was played, leaving Adams, 6-0, 6-1; Fowler, 6-0, 6-1; Hazard, 6-0, 6-1; Gardner, 6-0, 6-1; Probasco, 6-0, 6-1.

It is worse than a baseball pitcher's curve, because in dealing with that a batter has only one curve to calculate on. With Jones's serve the opposing player has to calculate on two curves, and reverse curves at that. A diagram of this zigzag device showing the line of the ball's travel as seen from above is the only thing that will make it clear.

Jones stands with his left side to the table, there is a swish and the ball is off, across the net. In ping-pong the ball is curved far out to the right and comes back to a point behind the one at which it started. The opposing player it seems to be coming in toward him from the outer edge of the table. He looks for it to continue on that course after it bounces, he places his racket to return.

But no! The ball, like a mighty person, springs off on a new tangent. It jumps away from the waiting racket toward the side from which it came. And he stands there with his racket, while the featherweight thing drops to the floor with a "tiffen-love" sound.

Jones does this with a force that serves across his body, "cutting" the ball on the under side in such fashion that it is not to be caught in a queer, side-swing fashion. This gives it the curve and causes it to spring to one side when it hits the table.

Notes of Ping-Pong.
The Yale Club is planning a new tournament to select a championship team. The Caledonian Club is planning for this season the third of its annual tournament. A Pan-American team and the present champion of the world are expected to be in the line.

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YALE MAY STOP ATHLETE WENCK.

Champion Runner Still Determined to Take a Team of College Boxers to Meet London Men at Coronation.

(Special to The Evening World.)
NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 8.—Issue seems to be fairly joined between Frederick A. Wenck, of New York City, a senior in the Yale Law School, and the university authorities. The university stands to maintain the dignity of that distinguished seat of learning, and Wenck seems to be quite as determined to maintain what he considers his personal rights in the premises.

Wenck has been before the Athletic Committee of the University to explain how he came into possession of \$700 of King Edward VII. coin. He was questioned sharply as to whether he had negotiated with the London Athletic Club to have a team of Yale boxers at the King's coronation to entertain the distinguished persons at that function with exhibition bouts with Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge men.

He was asked whether he had not intended to make the London Athletic Club believe that he could take to London a team, entitled to the honored name of Yale, notwithstanding that the university had previously forbidden any Yale man from declaring that he represented Old Eli's institution at the coronation boxing tournament.

To all of which Wenck replied and still holds emphatically that he never intended and does not now intend to use the name of Yale officially in connection with his project. But he says that he has the individual right to go to England to box if he chooses to do so, and that the other Yale men who have agreed to accompany him have the same right.

Dry William G. Anderson, director of the Yale gymnasium, or the other athletic authorities do not like Wenck's attitude, and communication will be opened with the London Athletic Club to learn whether the latter thinks that Yale will officially send a delegation of boxers. The matter rests in this condition for the present.

Wenck is captain of the New York Athletic Club swimming team and the champion middle-distance runner of America.

COURT AT NEW ROCHELLE.

Justice of Supreme Bench to Sit There for First Time.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 8.—A new Supreme Court, Special Term, is to be held on the last Saturday of every month in New Rochelle, at which Justice Martin J. Keogh will preside. The first term of this court will be held on May 31.

This will be the first time that a Special Term of the Supreme Court has been held in this county outside of White Plains.

OFFICIALS SILENT ON EXPRESS STRIKE.

United States Board in Session, but No Statement as to Whether Concessions Will Be Made to Men.

The officers of the United States Express Company were in conference this forenoon at the company's offices at No. 19 Broadway over the strike of freight handlers.

General Agent L. P. Starkweather refused to say after the meeting whether the company would make any concessions. He declined to discuss the strike in any way and would not admit that the situation was responsible for the gathering of officials.

It was learned that the company was refusing some orders owing to its inability to handle even its regular bulk of business.

The striking wagon men of the United States Express Company in Jersey City were again active to-day at the company's stables. They induced some of the drivers to join them in a sympathetic strike, with the result that a number of wagons were tied up.

Supt. George W. Peterson and his assistants met this move by hustling about and getting other men, but not enough to man all the wagons.

The strikers gathered at Euston avenue and Henderson street, near the stables, and the drivers were stationed at the express company's offices at Hudson and Communipaw, Jersey City, where they were detained to protect the new men.

The helpers are not well organized, but they hope to keep up the strike on account of the friendly feeling which the drivers are showing toward them in their fight.

The helpers of the United States Express Company in Hoboken held a meeting last night, which was attended by the drivers. The drivers assured the strikers that unless some satisfactory reply was received from the company this forenoon they would strike.

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